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To: All County Medical Services Program (CMSP) County Welfare Directors

Subject: CMSP HEARING REQUESTS

Recently, this Office has identified a significant increase in CMSP hearing requests for "eligibility" related issues which are being directed to the State Department of Social Services (SDSS) hearing process. This is to request your assistance in insuring that hearing requests for the CMSP are directed to the appropriate organization for adjudication.

Pursuant to the contractual agreement between each CMSP County and the CMSP Governing Board, all hearing requests related to the CMSP scope of benefits are the responsibility of the State and are processed through the SDSS hearing system. Eligibility hearings, however, are exclusively within the purview of the contracting county.

We are requesting that you review your county's process for handling CMSP hearing requests and make any necessary changes. Additionally, we request that you review the "request for CMSP hearing" information which is given to CMSP applicants and/or beneficiaries either upon request or on the back of CMSP Notices of Action forms, to insure that the appropriate information is disseminated. Finally, we request that you forward the name and telephone number of the person(s) in your county who are responsible for the "hearing" process, so that we may expedite the redirection of "eligibility" hearings which are initially misdirected.

Please FAX your response to this request to (916) 323-3350 by March 1, 1996. If you have any questions about this letter please contact Ms. Kathy Grab of my staff at (916) 322-1315. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Martinez".

Jim Martinez, Chief  
County Medical Services Program Unit

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